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In response to the Official Action of April 10, 2002, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 10, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In accordance with the Examiner's request, attached hereto is a copy of Fig. 1 with the requested change indicated in red therein. In particular, in this figure, and in response to the Examiner's suggestion, reference character "R" has been added to identify the "Recording Medium" of this figure. This change does not introduce any prohibited new matter into the present application, but rather merely complies with the Examiner's suggestion to conform the reference characters of the specification to those of the drawings. Thus, the Examiner